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SUBJECT: TFGV01 SITUATION REPORT NO. 001 AS OF 1700 EST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2007.

HURRICANE DEAN STATUS

1. (U) NORAD reports the onset of tropical storm force winds should hit Jamaica August 19 at 0400 EDT, with hurricane force winds starting at 1200 EDT. The eye of the storm is scheduled to make landfall at 1400 EDT, with sustained winds upwards of 150 mph. The National Hurricane Center predicts 5 to 10 inches of rain, with up to 20 inches in isolated areas.

2. (U) Dean is scheduled to hit Cayman August 20 at 0700 EDT with sustained winds of 160 mph.

3. (U) Dean should make landfall just south of Cancun, with tropical storm force winds beginning at 1600 EDT on August 20, and hurricane force winds beginning at 2300 EDT. The eye of the storm is scheduled to make landfall at 0200 on August 21. (NORAD/Taskforce Telcon)

AMERICAN CITIZENS - JAMAICA

¶4. (U) Embassy Kingston reports 63 Embassy family members left Kingston at 1100 on a special AA flight which stopped in Montego Bay to pick up tourists (presumably including some Americans). FLO confirms the flight departed Jamaica for the United States at 1415.

¶5. (U) Remaining Embassy staff will ride out the storm in the NEC. Kingston anticipates sheltering several hundred Amcits, including Peace Corps Volunteers, through the storm. Noting the storm has slowed, the Embassy may allow employees to spend the night at home. Calls to Embassy Kingston are being routed through Post 1.

¶6. (U) Two Consular Officers are in Montego Bay to assist local Amcits. Hotels are telling guests to stand fast. The Montego Bay airport is scheduled to close at 2000 and the Kingston airport at 2100. All outgoing flights are full.

¶7. (U) One Consular Officer is at the Cayman airport engaging with local authorities to provide task force contact information to the public. She will go on the radio to provide information to Amcits, including the Miami call center number, which will be effective Sunday at 0800. All flights leaving Cayman are booked through Thursday. Authorities in Cayman are permitting only residents to return, primarily British citizens.

¶8. (U) Kingston and Cayman report that Amcit call volume has been minimal (between 15 and 20 calls since 2200 Friday evening). (Embassy Kingston/Taskforce Telcon)

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¶9. (U) CG Merida reports 8,000 Amcits in Cozumel, 23,650 in Playa del Carmen, and 22,000 in Cancun. With scheduled departures, the total number of Amcits in these three locations is expected to remain at upward of 44,000.

¶10. (U) Thirty TDYers will arrive from Mexico City and other U.S. consulates between 1500 and 1900 today to provide support to the three areas. (CG Merida/Taskforce Telcon)

OFDA/LOCAL PREPAREDNESS

¶11. (U) There are six USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) team members in Kingston. OFDA provided \$25,000 to GOJ disaster authorities at the Ambassador's request. OFDA is working with local authorities to provide emergency equipment and radios. They were scheduled to meet with the GOJ to discuss disaster preparations at 1530 local.

¶12. (U) OFDA has four staff in Mexico and other staff in DR, Haiti, and Costa Rica. They are in close contact with all posts and will provide support if Ambassadors choose to use disaster authority.

¶13. (U) In Haiti, OFDA is working closely with civil protection authorities and NGOs. Southern Haiti is expected to take the brunt of the storm. Haiti's airport will close at 1500.

¶14. (U) Consulate Merida staff report receiving good support from local authorities and the business community, including the Hotel Association, in assisting Amcits. (USAID,OFDA/Taskforce Telcon)

CA TASKFORCE 2

¶15. (U) CA stood up Task Force 2 (TF2) with a small staff, and handled approximately 25 calls Saturday, August 18. Embassy Kingston reported a similar call volume. Most calls received by TF 2 were from people asking about options for departing the Cayman Islands. TF2 will expand to 10 volunteers Sunday, August 19 and is currently scheduled to work from 8 am to 9 pm with an overnight shift on standby.

¶16. (U) The OCS call center will be open August 19 as well, and our public information directs callers to their number. (Taskforce/CATaskforce e-mail)

¶17. (U) MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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